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1. STATE AND LABOR APPRECIATE EMBASSY INVESTIGATIONS RE  
USE OF DINARS FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL. INQUIRY ALITALIA  
WASHINGTON OFFICE CONFIRMED AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE ALL CONFERENCE  
TRANSPORTATION THROUGH PRE-PAYMENT BY ALITALIA/TUNIS WITH  
MAXIMUM USE OF U.S. FLAG CARRIERS. WASHINGTON ALITALIA SALES  
MANAGER, AFTER COMMUNICATION WITH ALITALIA/TUNIS, ADVISES HIS  
TUNIS COUNTERPART DR. AMBROSELLI MAY VISIT WASHINGTON WEEK OF  
APRIL 5 TO OFFER ASSISTANCE. UNLESS TWA POLICY CHANGE ON  
ACCEPTABILITY TUNISIAN DINARS FOR TRAVEL ORIGINATING OUTSIDE  
TUNISIA OCCURS, LABOR AND STATE REQUEST EMBASSY REACTION TO  
ADMINISTRATIVE SCENARIO FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS.

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2. ON RECEIPT DINAR RESERVATION CERTIFICATES FROM TREASURY,

LABOR WILL AUTHORIZE OBLIGATIONS AND EXPENDITURES BY EMBASSY/TUNIS FOR

CONFERENCE COSTS AGAINST LABOR EXCESS FOREIGN CURRENCY  
APPROPRIATION.

3. TRANSPORTATION - FIELD POSTS. PARTICIPANTS ALL FIELD POSTS, EUR AND AF, WILL BOOK MOST DIRECT ROUND TRIP TRANSPORTATION THROUGH LOCAL ALITALIA OFFICE UTILIZING U.S. CARRIERS WHEREVER POSSIBLE REQUESTING PRE-PAYMENT BE SECURED FROM ALITALIA/TUNIS. IF ALITALIA NOT REPRESENTED LOCALLY, ORIGINATING CARRIER SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO SECURE PRE-PAYMENT FROM ALITALIA/TUNIS. PARTICIPANTS WILL BE REQUESTED TO ADVISE TUNIS, INFORMATION WASHINGTON, OF ITINERARY. BLANKET TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS FOR AF AND EUR POSTS WILL BE COMPLETED AT TUNIS BY LABOR ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM. ON FINALIZATION ALL FIELD TRANSPORTATION, ONE GTR IN FAVOR ALITALIA/TUNIS CAN BE ISSUED. DINAR AVAILABILITY WILL NOT, REPEAT NOT, PERMIT EXCESS BAGGAGE AUTHORIZATION.

4. TRANSPORTATION - WASHINGTON PARTICIPANTS. WASHINGTON TRAVELERS WILL BOOK MOST DIRECT ROUND TRIP TRANSPORTATION USING U.S. CARRIERS WHEREVER POSSIBLE THROUGH ALITALIA WASHINGTON OFFICE WHICH WILL REQUEST ALITALIA/TUNIS TO AUTHORIZE PRE-PAYMENT. WASHINGTON WILL ADVISE EMBASSY/TUNIS OF ITINERARIES. GTR'S PAYABLE IN TUNISIAN DINARS IN FAVOR OF ALITALIA/TUNIS CAN BE ISSUED BY EMBASSY. TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS TO BE COMPLETED BY LABOR IN WASHINGTON. EXCESS BAGGAGE WILL BE AUTHORIZED ONLY FOR WASHINGTON PARTICIPANTS REQUIRED TO TRANSPORT CONFERENCE MATERIALS.

5. REFTEL (C), PARA. 3, PROPOSAL TO USE APPROPRIATED DOLLARS FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL TO TUNIS IN COMBINATION DINARS FOR RETURN NOT FEASIBLE FOR LABOR/STATE.

6. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION, HIRES AND OVERTIME. FOR EMBASSY POOL SUPPLEMENTATION LABOR AUTHORIZATION CAN INCLUDE AUTOMOBILE AND CHAUFFEUR HIRE FOR VIP'S AND CONVERENCE COORDINATOR. IF ESSENTIAL, LOCAL HIRES AND LOCAL STAFF OVERTIME CAN BE AUTHORIZED.

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7. REFTEL (C) - STATE UNDERSTANDS ALITALIA/TUNIS HOPE FOR CONCENTRATION THROUGH ALITALIA OF ALL U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL TRAVEL PAYABLE IN DINARS. NO DECISION POSSIBLE PENDING OUTCOME OF CURRENT DISCUSSIONS AMONG STATE AND U.S. CARRIERS AND WITH GAO. SITUATION WILL BE SUBJECT SEPTEL.

8. EMBASSY REACTION REQUESTED TO FOREGOING, SPECIFICALLY

ARRANGEMENTS WITH ALITALIA. CAN EMBASSY CONFIRM ALITALIA/TUNIS AGREEMENT IN WRITING TO PROMPT TELEGRAPHIC PREPAYMENT ALL REQUESTS FROM POSTS SERVICED BY ALITALIA AS WELL AS THOSE SERVICED ONLY BY OTHER CARRIERS, FOR TRAVEL IN CONNECTION THIS CONFERENCE? EMBASSY REACTION ALSO REQUESTED TO ADEQUACY PROPOSED STAFF SUPPORT AND DESIRABLE ARRIVAL DATE OF SUPPORT STAFF. KISSINGER

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